

PM ATTACHMENT 3.14.4
ADHS/DBHS CONTINUED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER STAY
AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA

- A. **DIAGNOSIS:** A specific diagnosis within the range of 290 through 316.99 must be documented.
- B. **BEHAVIOR AND FUNCTIONING:** Continued disturbance of mood, thought, behavior or level of functioning that is associated with one of the following:
1. In order for treatment to succeed, a highly structured Level I environment is required **or**;
 2. Due to disruptive behavior or behavioral health symptoms, the individual is at risk of expulsion from home, community or other 24-hour community placement environment (e.g. Level II or Level III placement) **or**;
 3. There is a risk for elopement that would place the individual in imminent danger **or**;
 4. The individual's condition would likely progress to harm to self or others without a highly structured 24-hour therapeutic environment **or**;
 5. The individual would benefit in other ways from a level of nursing and/or psychiatric attention that would be unavailable in less restrictive settings (e.g. ongoing professional observation of an individual over time to clarify a diagnosis or to assess tolerance or responsiveness to a specific treatment/medication modality) **or**;
 6. The above criteria are not met, but efforts to secure a less restrictive placement suitable to the behavioral health needs of the person are exhausted and none are available.
- C. **EXPECTED RESPONSE:** There is documented evidence that:
1. Active treatment is provided that is reducing the severity of disturbances of mood, thought or behavior which were identified as reasons for admission; or
 2. The service plan has been revised to respond to a lack of progress; and
 3. There is an expectation that continued treatment can reasonably be expected to improve or stabilize the patient's condition so that this type of service will no longer be needed.
- D. **DISCHARGE PLAN**
There is a written plan for discharge with specific discharge criteria and recommendations for aftercare treatment that comply with current standards for medically necessary covered services, cost effectiveness, and least restrictive environment.